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1. USLO OFFICER HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH FRENCH EMBOFF INVOLVED IN CFDT VISIT ON DECEMBER 16. FRENCH EMBOFF AGREED WITH ANALYSIS REFTEL THAT CFDT PROBABLY CAME TO CHINA WITH SYMPATHETIC BIAS DUE TO PRC ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDES, BUT SAID THAT THEY LEFT BADLY DISAPPOINTED WITH CHINESE MODEL. CHINESE GAVE CFDT FULL ANTI-SOVIET TREATMENT, BUT IT BECAME IMMEDIATELY CLEAR THE LABOR UNIONS IN CHINA ARE MERELY EXTENTIONS OF PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL APPARATUS. FRENCH EMBOFF SAID THAT SEVERAL OF THE GROUP WERE QUITE SOPHISTICATED OBSERVERS OF INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS, AND THEY WERE SHOCKED WHEN CHINESE IN SOME OF THE PLANTS THEY VISITED CONFESSED THAT THEIR PLANT WOULD FALL SHORT OF THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION TARGET BY THIRTY PERCENT.

2. FRENCH EMBOFF SAID QUESTION NOW IS WHAT THE DELEGATION WILL WRITE ABOUT CHINA ON THEIR RETURN TO PARIS, AND SHE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY STILL PRODUCE RATHER POSITIVE

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STATEMENTS DESPITE THEIR REACTION WHILE THEY WERE HERE.

THE DELEGATION MEMBERS INDICATED TO HER, HOWEVER, THAT
THEY DID NOT PLAN TO PUBLISH ANYTHING ON THE TRIP.

3. COMMENT: STATEMENT THAT INDIVIDUAL PLANT OFFICIALS
CONCEDED A THIRTY PERCENT SHORTFALL IN PRODUCTION IS
SURPRISING AND SOMEWHAT HARD TO BELIEVE. IF LABATT HAS
OCCASION TO DISCUSS TRIP WITH CFDT DELEGATION MEMBERS,
WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF OBSERVATIONS
WHILE IN CHINA.
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